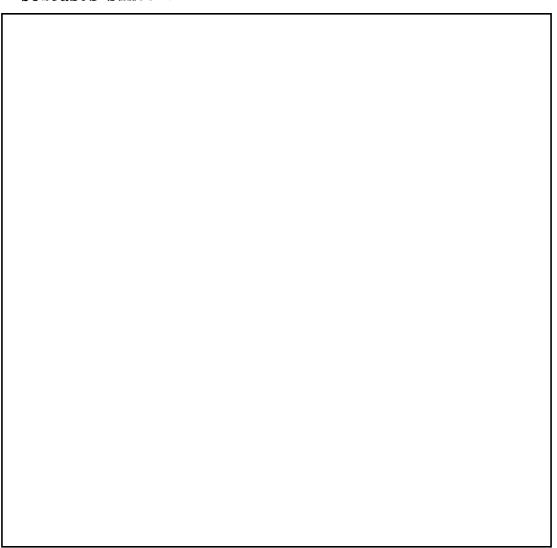


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THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM (Information as of 1000 EDT)

- 1. The press reports that a third US Marine helicopter was shot down (without casualties) late on 11 October in the same montagnard area where a fighter-bomber and two helicopters were downed with the loss of 13 men.
- 2. The regime has announced that 125 more Buddhists were released from detention at Hué on 11 October, bringing the official total for such releases since 8 October to 232.



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